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For: METHODS FOR REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC
BINDING TO AN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
ARRAY

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-12, 43
and 44, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application shown below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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